

Protective Order Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
March 26, 2004

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, March 26, 2004 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Tammy Baitz, Thomas H. Busch, Stephen M. Jessup, J. Douglas Knight, Robert E. Lybrook, Christina J. Miller, Lynne Spevak, and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting on February 27, 2004 were approved.
4. Conferences.
 - a. Judge Forcum reported the Julian Center in Indianapolis was preparing to host a national conference on Domestic Violence on June 3-4, 2004 in Indianapolis. He said Anne Delaney, Executive Director, asked him to put together a session to review Indiana's protection order statutes. He distributed a summary of this presentation with the biographical background of presenters. Tammy Baitz agreed to participate on a panel for this session. He invited Judge Reichard and committee members to attend at 3:00 p.m. on June 3.
 - b. Lynne Spevak reported Magistrate Miller agreed to speak at the Clerk's annual meeting on June 15-16 in Merrillville this year about the new protection orders deskbook.
5. Protection Order Deskbook.
 - a. Committee members revised the draft of the Protection Order Deskbook. They agreed to include the:
 - (1) Cover Sheet in front of each order;
 - (2) Numbers for No Contact Order form references, not just the names;
 - (3) Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana;
 - (4) Use of heavy paper, bright colors and place chapter name and title on divider pages for the Analysis chapters in Tab 1;
 - (5) Assigned names for each tab, Tab 1 – Analysis and Commentary, Tab 2- Definitions, Tab 3- Official forms from website, Tab 4 – Benchcards, Tab 5 – Statutes, and Tab 6 – Resources;
 - (6) Use of Chapter 1 as a template for the margins in the Analysis chapter;
 - (7) Reservation of Tab 5 for current or useful statutes. Do not include H.E.A. 1232 - 2002 or S.E.A. 479 – 2003;
 - (8) Use of a double-sided summons form in Chapter 2;
 - (9) Removal of all contempt forms but include the list of common domestic violence charges in Enforcement – Chapter 8; and
 - (10) Removal of the personal safety plan since the plans will have to be county specific.
 - b. Members of the committee agreed to invite Ruth Reichard to the April meeting of the committee to review the deskbook changes she suggests.

6. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed meet at the following times: Friday, April 23, and June 25, 2004 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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